



## **CARLTON COLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of Carlton Colville will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the Methodist Church Hall, Shaw Avenue, Carlton Colville.

The Meeting started at 7.00 pm.

#### **MINUTES**

1. Present: Julie Hall, Jill Tyler, Jason Rodwell, Ryan Williams, Derek Fletcher, Christine Fair, Darren Winchester, Adam Robertson, Chris Thomas, Paul Radforth  
Apologies: Clare Varella  
Suffolk County Councillor – Craig Rivett  
East Suffolk Councillors – Jenny Ceresa, Craig Rivett  
IMPACT Detached Youth – Ian Castro  
Allotments – David Peek  
4 members of the public
2. To agree the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of May 2018  
It was RESOLVED by all that these were a true and accurate record and they were signed.
3. Talk by Tim Major East Anglia Transport Museum – a brief overview is below.  
88 anniversary closure of Lowestoft Tramway – Trams dismantled bodies sold off to be used as summer houses etc, local individual who had an interest in tramways late 50's early 60's recovered the body of one to restore people showed an interest. 1962 in Glasgow trams being dismantled started to restore as a static exhibit. Dick Bird sold business and with proceeds bought Hedley House now Carlton Manor and moved the tram there with a miniature railway around the garden. Arrival of tram caught the attention of media in London and a tram kept at Chessington zoo was looking for a new home. A hazardous 4 day journey where a man sat on the top of the transport and lifted up the telephone wires some were even electric wires eventually coming through Pakefield via the Tramways where it

suffered some window loss round by the church. More interest from enthusiasts so that eventually a society for the trams which were gathering in his garden was formed. The Society realised keeping big vehicles outside was not practical so the first building erected to house 6 vehicles. All moved by hand on temporary tracks. The museum moved into 5 acres next door 1967 and the first rally to raise funds for first building to go up. Tram cars, buses need infrastructure eg tram rail was all second hand and came from all over the country. Overhead and traction stands were needed. Trams run on 600 volts DC which is not mains so diesel generator needed which was obtained from Eastern Counties News office for £100. 1970 electric commenced. During late 60's a further group got involved which collected trolley buses. Museum acquired freehold of site cost £1000 interest free for 10 years. 1970's a signal box was purchased for £5 from the railway. Tim's involvement has been since 1971. Narrow gauge railway in 1972 opened to the public. Some vehicles have moved on over the years. 1974 declared a charitable status. Additional land required over the years to house the ever growing collection of rail and exhibits. 1987 Coach Works closed 1988 the museum to gather together lots of vehicles which were built at the coach works every 5 years endeavour to get more buses built in Lowestoft to attend a special event. As finances allow development has taken place over the years. Lots of other memorabilia at the museum apart from transport.

Aspirations for vehicles not limited to this country but from all over the world. Has wide membership all the world of around 600.

4. The annual report for Carlton Colville Town Council was read out by the chairman Julie Hall.
5. Annual reports were received from Waveney District Councillor Paul Light and IMPACT Detached Youth  
The Chairman expressed the Town Council thanks to Paul Light for all his extensive District and Town Council work over the past 12 years and wished him every success in whatever he did next.  
Suffolk County Council Report – Councillor Rivett mentioned that during 2018 the Third Crossing had progressed, Resolution to the car park at the school, £3000 donated to Carlton Colville Town Council and various amounts to other local organisations.
6. The meeting closed at 7.50 pm